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Palestinians cautioned against 'displacement networks'

Gaza health ministry receives 15 more bodies

GAZA STRIP: Palestinians, especially those in the Gaza Strip, must be wary of networks that seek to remove them from their homes in line with Israeli interests, the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has warned.

The warning came a day after 153 Palestinians, who left Gaza without knowing their final destination and without proper paperwork, arrived in South Africa on board a flight from Kenya on Friday and were held up for 12 hours as authorities investigated the issue.

South Africa gave the war-ravaged Palestinians 90-day visas, *Al Jazeera* reported.

The Palestinian ministry on Saturday expressed "deep appreciation" for the support from the South African authorities and people.

The Palestinian embassy in Pretoria said it is working to assist the travellers who have "endured over two years of Israeli genocidal war, killing, displacement, and destruction".

But it warned that companies, unofficial entities and unregistered intermediaries inside Israeli-occupied Palestinian territory are trying to mislead Palestinians and incite them towards leaving.

"The ministry calls upon our people, especially our people in the Gaza Strip, to exercise caution and not fall prey to human trafficking, to merchants and companies of blood, and to agents of displacement," it said.

Meanwhile, Israeli authorities said on Saturday that 153 Palestinians who turned up unexpectedly in South Africa, triggering questions from its president, had received entry approval from an unnamed third country.

Shimi Zuaretz, a spokesman for COGAT, the Israeli body that runs civil affairs in the Palestinian territories, told *AFP* they had only been allowed to leave Gaza "after COGAT received approval from a third country to receive them".

He did not name the country.

An Israeli official who did not wish to be identified said that the organisation which coordinated the transfer had submitted third-country visas to COGAT for all the evacuated residents.

South Africa's home affairs ministry said 130 of the group entered the country, while the remaining 23 took onward flights to other destinations.

15 bodies received

Also, the health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza confirmed on Saturday it had received the bodies of 15 Palestinians. "The Ministry of Health announces the receipt of 15 bodies of martyrs who were released yesterday, Friday, by the Israeli occupation through the Red Cross. This brings the total number of bodies received to 330" as part of the deal, the ministry said, adding it had so far identified 97.

They were returned in exchange for the remains of 73-year-old Israeli prisoner Meny Godard, which Hamas returned via the Red Cross. —Agencies

'Accidental blast' in held Kashmir leaves nine dead

At least 32 injured in incident at Nowgam police station

Dawn Report

SRINAGAR: At least nine people were killed and 32 injured in an "accidental explosion" at the Nowgam police station in India-occupied Kashmir's Srinagar when a pile of confiscated explosives blew up late last night, authorities said on Saturday.

Most of those killed were policemen and forensic team officials, who were extracting samples from a large cache of explosives seized earlier this week in Haryana state, the *Press Trust of India (PTI)* said.

The Ministry of Home Affairs confirmed the casualties, *PTI* reported.

The ministry's joint secretary, Prashant Lokhande, said the cause of the incident was being investigated and any other speculation into the reason behind the blast was "unnecessary".

Both Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat termed the incident "accidental".

The governor said he had ordered a "probe to ascertain the cause of the accidental explosion", while the police chief also stressed that "any other speculation into the cause of this incident is unnecessary".

"Due to the sensitive and unstable nature of the recovered material, the sampling and examination were being carried out with extreme caution. Despite all precautions, an accidental blast occurred last night," the police officer was quoted as saying by *The Hindu*.

"The building of the police station has been severely damaged and the adjacent buildings have been affected," he added.

'Small successive explosions'

According to *PTI*, "small successive explosions" prevented immediate rescue operations by the bomb disposal squad.

The local police also dismissed reports of the People's Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF) claiming responsibility or of any other foreign link as "patently false, baseless and mischievous".

VICTIMS' relatives scuffle with security personnel whilst demanding bodies of the deceased.—AFP

Those killed in the incident included three people from the Forensic Science Laboratory, two from the revenue department, two police photographers, a member of the State Investigation Agency and a tailor, *PTI* reported.

At least 24 police personnel and three civilians were admitted to various hospitals in Srinagar, *PTI* quoted officials as saying.

Some of the bodies had been "completely burnt", a police source told *Reuters*.

"The intensity of the blast was such that some body parts were recovered from nearby houses, around 100-200 metres away from the police station."

Raids in India-held Kashmir

The blast occurred four days after a New Delhi deadly car explosion, which killed at least eight people in what India has called a "terror incident".

India's anti-terrorism National Investigation Agency is leading the probe into the blast, but so far, officials have given little further information on who the perpetrators might be — and whether it was a homegrown group or had links from abroad.

Indian media have widely connected the Nov 10 blast with a string of arrests just hours earlier, when they claimed to have seized explosive materials and assault rifles.

Indian police have carried out sweeping raids in occupied Kashmir since Wednesday.

There has been no confirmation that the searches this week are connected to the New Delhi explosion, but the raids represent a renewed effort by police to tighten security after the incident.

Officers also raided Al-Falah University in Faridabad, while security forces on Friday demolished a house in occupied Kashmir's Pulwama district.

Only $3.7bn of health-climate funds spent on adaptation: AIIB

In Pakistan, 74pc of the funding targeted mitigation

ISLAMABAD: Assessing all health-sector investments made by multilateral development banks between 2019 and 2023, a report by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) reveals that while major funders have invested $42.2 billion in health and climate initiatives over the past five years, only $3.7bn has been directed towards adaptation.

Immunisation against climate-sensitive diseases and the strengthening of health infrastructure have some of the highest climate-adaptation values among health sector investments. For every $100 invested in these activities, up to $36.50 goes towards addressing the additional disease burden caused by climate change.

The report, titled "Protecting Our Future: An Investment Framework for Quantifying the Climate Adaptation Benefits of Health and Immunisation Investments", proposes a quantitative framework that enables key funders and national governments to identify health sector investments — such as strengthening healthcare infrastructure, early warning and health surveillance systems, improving vaccine delivery and cold-chain systems, and bolstering immunisation and disease-outbreak preparedness — that simultaneously advance both health and climate objectives.

Collectively, multilateral development banks (MDBs) have invested nearly $2bn between 2019 and 2023 in making health systems more resilient to the effects of climate change. Despite the urgent need to build health resilience among vulnerable populations facing escalating climate-driven threats, less than 0.5 per cent of global climate finance currently supports human health interventions, leaving a critical gap in adaptation strategies, notes the report.

Six countries examined

The report assessed all health-sector investments made by AIIB, the World Bank and Gavi between 2019 and 2023. It also examined six countries highly vulnerable to climate impacts — Pakistan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Malawi, Nigeria and the Philippines — and found that the share of funding for health programmes with climate adaptation objectives has increased in these countries in recent years.

Regarding Pakistan, the report states that growing exposure to extreme climate events, such as floods, droughts and heatwaves, has contributed to an increase in climate finance. Estimates place the total amount of development finance targeting climate change from 2019 to 2021 at $5.4bn.

During this three-year period, the majority (74pc) of the funding targeted mitigation, while a quarter ($1.37bn) went to adaptation activities. Overall, Pakistan has limited climate-finance provision, as pressing priorities such as poverty eradication often outweigh long-term domestic investments. One earlier report noted that climate-related expenditures made up only 6pc of the federal development budget in 2014.

The most common climate-related health hazards in Pakistan stem from extreme heat, erratic rainfall patterns, landslides and droughts. Many of these extreme weather events have intensified and become more frequent in recent years. Flooding also poses major risks due to heavy rainfall and erratic monsoons. Communities along the Indus River are particularly susceptible to diseases like cholera and malaria because of their proximity to flooding events.—Amin Ahmed

Tenfold rise in arrest of Afghans across Pakistan this year

Majority of detentions reported from Chagai, Quetta and Attock

By Amin Ahmed

ISLAMABAD: Chagai and Quetta in Balochistan and Attock in Punjab were the top three districts across the country where most of Afghan Citizen Card (ACC) holders or undocumented Afghan nationals were arrested or detained in over 10 months this year, says a UN refugee agency report.

The highest number of arrests or detentions were made in 2025, the report says, adding that a total of 100,971 Afghans were arrested from Jan 1 to Nov 8, 2025, whereas 9,006 Afghans were detained in 2024. In 2023, 26,299 Afghans were arrested.

The UNHCR report, which was released on Friday, says that prior to 2023, there was no data collected on the arrest and detention of Afghan Citizen Card (ACC) holders or undocumented Afghan nationals. Since January 2023, International Organisation for Migration (IOM) has started to collect this data.

From Nov 2 to 8, a total of 13,380 Afghan nationals were arrested and detained, marking a 72 per cent increase compared to the previous week. Out of all arrests and detentions during Nov 2 to 8, the ACC holders and undocumented Afghans represented 76pc of the total arrest and detentions, and Proof of Registration (PoR) holders represented 24pc.

During the reporting period of Nov 2 to 8, 41pc of the total reported arrests and detentions took place in Balochistan, and 43pc in Punjab.

Key findings of UNHCR report says cumulatively, from September 15, 2023, to November 8, 2025, 1,723,481 individuals have returned to Afghanistan. During the period November 2 to 8, UNHCR and IOM say 55,768 Afghans returned through the Torkham, Ghulam Khan (located in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Chaman, Badini and Bahramcha (located in Balochistan) border crossing points to Afghanistan.

Between Nov 2 and 8, the number of returns and deportations rose by 49pc and 75pc, respectively, compared to the previous week of Oct 26–Nov 1 (37,448 returns including 7,733 deportations). From Nov 2 to 8, the figures reached 55,768 returns, including 13,548 deportations.

The increase in returns is attributed to the reopening of the Torkham border on Nov 1, which allowed more Afghan returnees to cross into Afghanistan. However, the overall number of Afghan returnees during this reporting period still remain more moderate compared to the peaks observed in late August and September.

For the returns from Nov 2 to Nov 8, most of the returnees were PoR holders (48pc) followed by undocumented (43pc) and ACC holders (9pc). Majority of the POR returns include those facilitated by UNHCR through the Voluntary Repatriation Centres (VRCs).

For the deportees from Nov 2 to 8, most were undocumented (84pc), followed by PoR holders (13pc) and ACC holders (3pc).

Since April 1, this year, 869,448 Afghan nationals returned to Afghanistan, of which 115,159 (13pc) were deported. During this period, fear of arrest remained the main reason for the return among undocumented individuals and ACC holders (93pc) as well as PoR holders (47pc).

During the same time period, returnees were most likely to return from Quetta (20pc); Attock (13pc) and Islamabad (9pc) in the country and intend to go to Kunduz (19pc), Nangarhar (18pc) and Kabul (17pc) in Afghanistan.

In 2025, the Pakistan government issued several directives impacting Afghan nationals. In January, the government announced that Afghan nationals should relocate from Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and Rawalpindi, or else face deportation.

In April, further announcements indicated the implementation of the second phase of the "IFRP", targeting ACC holders, in addition to undocumented Afghans.

In July, the government issued a Statutory Regulation Order (SRO) directing the repatriation/deportation of PoR card holders following the expiry of PoR card validity on June 30. The government later indicated a deadline of Sept 1 for PoR holders to leave Pakistan, before the start of the repatriation/deportation process.

434 shifted to refugee camp

As police raids continued in different parts of Balochistan, a total of 434 Afghan nationals were taken into custody in Nokundi, officials said.

Acting on a tip-off, they said, the law enforcement agencies raided a residence in Killi Burhanabad, Nokundi, where the Afghan nationals were hiding. Upon seeing the police, the house owner, Sarfaraz, who belongs to Burhanzai tribe, along with three unidentified suspects fled. However, police detained around 200 Afghans during the operation and registered an FIR.

In a subsequent operation, police raided the residences of Khaleel Ahmed and Attaullah, sons of Sher Ali, and took at least 234 Afghan nationals into custody. All detainees were later transferred under police supervision to the Girdi Jungle Refugee Camp for deportation proceedings.

Saleem Shahid from Quetta also contributed to this report

GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FEASIBILITY STUDY AND TRANSACTION ADVISORY SERVICES
Pakistan's First Aquaculture Ecosystem — Building a Fully Enabled Blue Economy through Public Private Partnership Framework

RFP Ref. No.: MMC/SEZMC/Aquac/TAS/2025-26/342/
Date: 16th November 2025

ASSIGNMENT BRIEF

Sindh Economic Zones Management Company, Government of Sindh ('Procuring Agency'), is embarking on a transformative initiative to modernize and enhance the aquaculture landscape within the province that will serve as a benchmark aquaculture ecosystem. The Project aims to introduce modern, export-oriented shrimp farming practices through the development of earthen pond systems, hatcheries, and water management infrastructure. Additionally, the Project will facilitate the establishment of centralized processing facilities, feed mills, cold chain logistics, green energy systems, and export linkages ensuring commercial viability, sustainability, and global market competitiveness.

The Procuring Agency invites electronic bids from eligible individual firms or consortia (technical, financial, and legal consultants), to conduct a detailed feasibility study and provide comprehensive transaction advisory services, considering the Project's intended objectives, sustainability, viability, and performing a robust value for money analysis in accordance with the Sindh Public Procurement Act, 2009, and the Sindh Public-Private Partnership Act, 2010, including all relevant rules, regulations, instructions, guidelines framed thereunder ('Assignment').

ASSIGNMENT SCOPE

The consulting scope of services for the Project under this Assignment includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Conduct detailed feasibility study.
- Develop Master Plan for the Project.
- Review the existing legal, institutional, and regulatory framework, and identify potential bottlenecks with proposed solutions;
- Develop, evaluate, and prioritize various options, incorporating SWOT, CBA, VFM, NPV, and risk analysis for each option;
- Recommend a strategic path forward to the Government concerning planning, institutional arrangements, and financial viability;
- Analyze various PPP options with distinct structuring and risk allocation matrices;
- Prepare bidding documents for bids solicitation from private parties under the preferred PPP modality for each Project; and
- Perform all tasks described in the RFP while collaborating closely with the Projects' key stakeholders, primarily the Procuring Agency.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Prospective bidders (individual consulting firms or consortia) shall require to satisfy the specified eligibility and technical evaluation criteria, along with all other terms and conditions, supported by the relevant documentation specified in the RFP Document.

PRE-BID MEETING
MONDAY, 1st DECEMBER 2025 AT 1100 HRS. (PST)
AT COMMITTEE ROOM OF SEZMC

BIDDING PROCESS

The procurement process for this Assignment is being conducted in accordance with the national competitive bidding procedure, using the quality-cost based selection method, as prescribed under the SPP Rules, 2010, and is open to all eligible bidders. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose bid shall be determined to be the most advantageous bid, attaining the highest combined weighted technical and financial score in line with the criteria set out in the RFP Document.

Prospective bidders are required to submit only one (1) bid, comprising one (1) Technical Proposal and one (1) Financial Proposal, along with all other applicable supporting documents, as identified in the RFP Document, electronically via the Sindh PPRA E-Pak Acquisition & Disposal System ('SPPRA EPADS'), no later than 1300 hours PST on 18th December 2025 ('Bid Submission Deadline'). Physical Bids will not be accepted.

The Technical Proposals will be opened on the 18th December at 1400 hours PST (Bid opening) in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who may wish to attend, at the office address provided below. Should the Bid Submission Deadline fall on a public holiday or be affected by any unforeseen circumstance, bids, including the bid securities, shall be received and opened on the immediately succeeding business day at the same stipulated time and venue. Following the evaluation of Technical Proposals, bidders who have submitted responsive Technical Proposals in terms of the RFP Document shall be invited to attend the opening of the Financial Proposals.

Bidders are required to furnish, as part of Technical Proposals, a scanned copy of bid security, no less than PKR 5,000,000/- (Pak Rupees Five Million), in the form of pay order/demand draft/bank guarantee, valid for twenty-eight (28) days beyond bid validity period, issued by a scheduled bank of Pakistan in favor of 'Sindh Economic Zones Management Company'. Original bid security, enclosed in a sealed envelope, shall be submitted via mail or by hand by Bid Submission Deadline at the address given below.

Prospective bidders may obtain the RFP Document free of cost with effect from 20th November to 18th December 1200 hours, 2025, electronically, by downloading from the websites of the SPPRA EPADS.

The Procuring Agency reserves all rights to: (a) cancel, modify, extend or reinitiate the bidding procedure; (b) accept or reject any bid or disqualify any or all bidders; (c) modify all or any dates stated in the RFP Document; or (d) amend the RFP Document, Assignment's cope, or issue clarifications thereof, at any time in accordance with the SPP Rules.

The address for the submission of the bid security is as under:

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